



## Park Board General Manager's Report March 12, 2018

### PARK DEVELOPMENT

#### **Stanley Park Seawall Renewal – 101 years young**

Work on Phase 1 of the Stanley Park seawall renewal project is underway. Communications will issue a news release containing key information about the restoration work which includes filling holes, replacing stones, stabilizing foundations, and installing rocks at the base of the wall to protect against water erosion at priority locations between Brockton Point and Sunset Beach Park, just outside Stanley Park. Phase 1 is expected to cost \$1.3 million and pedestrian and cyclist traffic along 100-metre sections of the seawall path will be temporarily merged and cyclists will need to dismount. Work started the week of March 5 and will continue through August, given low tide window work requirements. Phase II work will be tendered in the late spring and the value of this contact award is expected to be greater than \$2M, and require timely Board and Council approvals.

#### **Stanley Park Drive Paving Project \$1.5M**

The repaving of more than 2 kilometres of Stanley Park Drive in four sections is scheduled for 2018, and the works will be delivered in collaboration with the Engineering Department. Engagement for this project involved the Stanley Park Intergovernmental Working Group and Stanley Park stakeholders like AAA Horse and Carriage Ltd., Stanley Park Ecological Society, the Aquarium, and park restaurants. Archaeological monitors from each of the Nations and the Park Board Archaeologist will be present during the excavation of the roadworks. Repaving of the first section near Pipeline Road starts in mid-March and work on the second section on the north side of Brockton Point to the Lumberman's Arch overpass starts in April. This section requires a full closure of the road in this area and will be scheduled on week days. The remaining 2 sections, at the Entrance to Stanley Park off Georgia Street and near 2099 Beach Avenue will be scheduled after Labour Day.

#### **Sport Court Renewal Projects including Pandora and Cedar Cottage Parks**

The capital budget provides \$600K in funding for court renewals and \$300K has been spent to date on resurfacing at various tennis court locations including Burrardview, Memorial West, Elm, Eburn, McSpadden, Riverfront, Granville Loop, John Hendry, Langara, Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth, including new pickleball courts at Queen Elizabeth, John Hendry and Memorial West Parks.

Public engagement about park renovations with a focus on court changes at two locations is ongoing. A plan for Cedar Cottage Park (a former landfill) includes more green space, a new multi-purpose sports court, a renewed playground and pathways. Pandora Park plans include new and renewed courts and pathways where none exist today. Information about these projects are available on the Park Board web pages and staff look forward to seeking Board approval of concept plans for these parks in Q2, so that construction can ensue at one of these locations with the remaining \$300K in capital funding in this program area.

#### **Smithe and Richards Park Project Timeline**

Since Park Board approval of the Smithe and Richards Park concept in May 2016, Park Board staff and their consultant (DIALOG) have been evolving the detailed designs and working to obtain necessary city permits. The City of Vancouver Planning and Engineering Departments required Park Board to submit Development Permit (DP) and Building Permit (BP) applications for the café building and pedestrian bridge as well as the overhead architectural "skyframes"



that will support lighting and ephemeral art and banner installations. Additionally, the project was required to go before the Urban Design Panel (UDP).

The DP application was submitted in May 2017, presented to UDP in July 2017 and August of 2017, and the BP was submitted in February 2018 (as the application incorporates DP and UDP requirements). We expect to receive and approved DP this month, and a BP in April. We are also working to prequalify construction contractors for the project at this time. Subject to timely permit approvals, the project will be tendered in May of 2018, and with Board, Bid Committee, and Council approvals of the construction contract in July we can expect a September ground breaking for this much anticipated new park for Downtown South.

## PARK OPERATIONS

### **Riverfront Park Renovation**

A major renovation was carried out in December 2017, January and February 2018 at Riverfront Park located in Southeast Vancouver. Crews removed overgrown shrub beds (including invasive plant species) enough to fill fifteen 40 yard containers. New plants, shrubs and trees totalling 1,708 were planted. New turf totaling 1,400 sq. meters was also installed.

### **Trillium Park Renovation**

A major renovation was carried out at Trillium Park over the past several months. Ongoing issues with homeless encampments and the dumping of garbage and needles led to a community consultation process involving neighbours, Vancouver Police Department, the daycare and other park users.

- Crews removed 28 tandem loads of material
- 2,844 Sq. Yards of new Turf was installed
- 32 new trees and 12 Shrubs were installed around the Playground
- Irrigation system was upgraded

### **Planting of Daffodil Bulbs**

In late fall, gardeners planted 30,000 Rijnveld Early Sensation daffodil bulbs on the grassy banks above the seawall, just past the Inukshuk and before the pump station at Jervis street. The daffodils are now in bloom, adding a welcome pop of color along the seawall. Rijnveld Early Sensation daffodils are the earliest to bloom and the most common variety. The daffodils will continue to thrive and multiply year after year.

## COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

### **Burrard Marina**

Upgrades are underway and the new floats being built off site are scheduled to be installed in April. Marina users have been notified.

### **Stanley Park Brewing Restaurant Renovation**

The interior demolition is currently underway. Park Board and Stanley Park Brewing are working closely together to ensure construction timelines are adjusted throughout heron season to mitigate the potential impacts of the building renovation on the Stanley Park heron colony. A Consultant has been engaged to assist with the development of a Mitigation and Monitoring



Plan for the Stanley Park heron colony. Their work will address the immediate needs around the Stanley Park Brewing project, as well as other Park Board activities that have potential to impact the herons. Project completion is now anticipated for October/November 2018 (previously September).

### **Harbour Green Dock Closure**

Staff are currently working with engineers to determine the additional improvements and costs required to potentially allow both pleasure and commercial vessels to operate from the dock; this information should be available within 4 to 6 weeks. Repairs will be on hold until such time as a determination can be made as to the future permissible uses. It is estimated that \$100,000 will be required to address the short and long term maintenance and capital issues, which will allow for the continued restricted use of pleasure craft only

## **RECREATION**

### **Park Board Community Youth Development Presentation**

The Child and Youth Care Association of BC, along with the Canadian Council of Child and Youth Care Associations, has selected the Park Board Youth Services Team to present our Community Youth Development Model at the 20<sup>th</sup> National and 12<sup>th</sup> Triennial International Child and Youth Care Conference to be held from May 1 to 4, 2018 at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond, BC.

### **Youth Poverty Reduction Survey**

The Park Board Youth Services Team is collaborating with ALIVE (Aboriginal Life In Vancouver Enhancement Society) and Our Place to initiate a Youth Survey focused on Poverty Reduction. Park Board Community Youth Workers will be connecting with as many young people from their communities as possible to facilitate discussions and gather relevant insights that will inform poverty reduction recommendations. These recommendations will be presented following the Youth Matters Forum sometime in April 2018.

### **City-Wide Aquatic Registration**

Aquatic staff have been working with allied colleagues in Marketing and on the ActiveNet team to support better registration for Aquatic programs, specifically swim lesson registration. The aim is to improve the customer experience during upcoming city-wide Aquatic registrations, the earliest to occur on March 20, 2018.

### **Preparing for the Outdoor Aquatic Season**

Program staff are working closely with Maintenance personnel, identifying required maintenance and scheduling the preliminary steps of outdoor pool commissioning. Following the fantastic summer of 2017, staff are keen to provide an exceptional experience again this summer, starting Saturday, May 19, 2018 (Victoria Day long weekend).

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **Langara Gardens Policy Statement**

On March 13, 2018, Council will be receiving a report on the Langara Gardens Policy Statement, which will guide the rezoning and redevelopment of the Langara Gardens site, one of several large sites in the Cambie Corridor area. The Policy Statement considers the future mix of uses, density and height, building forms, parks and public spaces, circulation and



community facilities, to serve the new and existing community. It was developed through a collaborative planning process involving community engagement at key points, and technical planning and design work.

**Motion on Notice: Renewal of Ray-Cam Community Centre**

Council has directed staff to undertake a comprehensive review of the Ray-Cam Co-operative Community Centre Renewal Project to ensure it can be adequately considered for inclusion in the City’s 2019-2022 Capital Plan. The City, in coordination with BC Housing, is to develop a Memorandum of Understanding as necessary to support and qualify the Ray-Cam Co-operative Community Centre Renewal Project for any forthcoming provincial Expression of Interest.

**Contract Award for Langara Golf Course Drainage Master Plan Implementation**

On March 14, 2018, the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services will be receiving a report recommending that the City of Vancouver enter into a contract with NMP Golf Construction Inc. for the construction of drainage improvements at Langara Golf Course. The project will ensure many playable years ahead for this central, accessible and revenue-producing facility.

**Board Briefing Memos – February 20, 2018 to March 12, 2018**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Issued By:</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Feb 20	Tiina Mack – Manager, Park Development	Vanier Bike Park Upgrades Schedule
Feb 20	Shauna Wilton – Deputy General Manager	Security Upgrades at Park Board Administration Office
Feb 20	Donnie Rosa – Director, Recreation	Trans, Gender Diverse, and Two-Spirit Inclusion Website and Survey
Mar 1	Donnie Rosa – Director, Recreation	CCA JOA Implementation Update
Mar 2	Shauna Wilton- Deputy General Manager	Vancouver Parks and Recreation Foundation – Proposed Constitution and By-laws
Mar 7	Steve Jackson – Director, Financial Planning and Analysis	Capital Plan 2019-2022 – Park Board Process and Timeline
Mar 8	Donnie Rosa – Director, Recreation	Marpole Curling Club – Board Enquiries